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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

Lédeboer, et al.

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Application No.:

10/657,811

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For:

ISOXAZOLES AND USES THEREOF

Cambridge, Massachusetts March 5, 2004

MS Missing Parts Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated December 15, 2003. With the extension, a response is due on or before March 15, 2004.

The Director is authorized to charge the requisite fee of \$110.00 that is due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) to Deposit Account No. 50-0725. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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